IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier invoice, said method comprising:

compiling a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices in a data processing system, wherein said statistical sample comprises a sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, and wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system;

inputting a first value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said first value comprising inputting a value claimed on an import declaration;

inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said second value comprising inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice;

selectively comparing said first value with said second value;

performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

2.   (Cancelled).

3.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said step of comparing said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data processing system.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ further comprising selecting a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ further comprising selecting a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a common supplier.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ further comprising selecting all invoices of said common

supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alerting said user.

8.   (Previously Presented) A computer system executing a method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier invoice, said computer system comprising:

a sampling generator adapted to compile, in a data processing system, a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices, wherein said statistical sample comprises a sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system, wherein said data processing system is adapted to have a first value and a second value of imported goods being input therein, wherein said first value comprises a value claimed on an import declaration, and wherein said second value comprises a value claimed on a payment invoice;

an input data management system adapted to selectively compare said first value with said second value; and

a logic component comprising:

an alert component adapted to alert a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

a payment system adapted to make an automated payment if said first value equals said second value.

9.   (Currently Amended) The computer system according to claim 8, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein the comparison of said first value with said

second value occurs for every occurrence of the inputting of said first value of imported goods into a data processing system and the inputting of said second value of imported goods into said data processing system.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer system according to claim 8, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system according to claim 8, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to generate and select a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer system according to claim 8, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to generate and select a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identify an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values attributed to a common supplier.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer system according to claim 12, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to select all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a

predetermined amount, and alert said user.

14.   (Previously Presented) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for verifying an import declaration with an invoice for value of goods, said method comprising:

compiling a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices in a data processing system, wherein said statistical sample comprises a sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, and wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system;

inputting a first value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said first value comprising inputting a value claimed on an import declaration;

inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said second value comprising inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice;

selectively comparing said first value with said second value;

performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

        alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

        making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

15.   (Cancelled).

16.   (Currently Amended) The program storage device according to claim 14, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein in said method, said step of comparing said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data processing system.

17.   (Currently Amended) The program storage device according to claim 14, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.

18.   (Currently Amended) The program storage device according to claim 14, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said method further comprises selecting a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

19.   (Currently Amended) The program storage device according to claim 14, ~~all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference,~~ wherein said method further comprises selecting a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a common supplier.

20.   (Currently Amended) The program storage device according to claim 19, ~~all the~~

limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said method further comprises selecting all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alerting said user.